

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Zhang et al.)

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For: PEELABLE FOAM COATING COMPOSITION)

Atty. Docket No.: AC207/2000)

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.132, I, Todd M. Mason being

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first duly sworn, depose and state:

1. I currently hold the position of Manager for New Product Development for THE VALVOLINE COMPANY, a subsidiary of the ASHLAND INC., a Kentucky corporation whose address is 3499 Blazer Parkway, Lexington, KY 40509. My residential address is 161 Wildcat Drive, Richmond, KY 40475.

2. I have been part of the business team since 1991, and I am responsible for the marketing of the peelable foam product under the brand name of SPIRIT FOAM (see Exhibit A Label), for Valvoline, a Division of ASHLAND INC. I have reviewed the above-identified application including the claims and I am familiar with the peelable foam products manufactured and sold in accordance with the compositions described and claimed in the application.

3. I am making this affidavit to attest to the commercial success of the SPIRIT FOAM product made in accordance with the above-identified patent application.

4. Since the peelable foam product, SPIRIT FOAM was introduced for sale on or about October of 2001, over 1,000,000 units have been shipped to WAL MART and KMART stores in accordance with the description of the product in the specification of the above-identified application and claims. It is my opinion that the sales for the product sold under the claims of the present invention in the United States within two years of its introduction is indicative of commercial success of the product.

FURTHER, AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

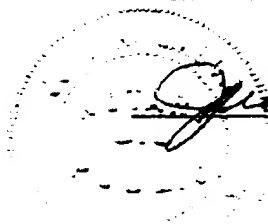


Todd Mason

STATE OF KENTUCKY)
) SS:
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Sworn and subscribed to before me by Todd Mason this 26th
day of August 2003.

My Commission expires: *June 17, 2005*



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Directions

Only apply to glass or clear coat auto paint that is cool to the touch. Do not apply in direct sunlight. Only apply when temperature is above 32°F (0°C). Do not apply under windy conditions. Not for use on fabrics and other porous surfaces. Product may stain fabrics and upholstery. Shake can vigorously for 30 seconds. Attach applicator tube. Hold can upright 1/4" from surface. Apply slowly to control application. Shake can often during use. Allow foam to dry at least one hour before driving. Remove tube and rinse clean between applications. Remove dried foam from tube with an object like a paper clip.

To Remove

Allow foam to dry at least one hour before peeling off. Carefully lift one edge, and slowly peel off foam. Foam may not remove completely if peeled away too quickly. To remove wet foam from glass or paint, use soap and water. If wet foam comes into contact with fabric or other porous surfaces, allow to dry completely, then peel or brush off. Remove dried foam from painted surfaces within 72 hours.

Note:

Spirit foam contains automotive wax. On some vehicles, you may notice the waxed area under the foam after removal. This wax is not harmful to painted surfaces. To remove, lightly buff or wax area.

Warning:

Do not block driver's vision. Use only as directed. Do not puncture or incinerate container. Do not expose to direct sunlight or other sources of heat, or store at temperatures above 120°F. Misuse by deliberately inhaling vapor can be harmful or fatal. Product is non-toxic but should not be ingested. Keep out of reach of children, except with adult supervision.

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